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(5) (u) CHINA/TAIWAN: NEW UNIFICATION SLOGAN
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(O) CHINA HAS DECIDED TO DOWNPLAY ITS "ONE COUNTRY, TWO SYSTEMS" THEME IN RELATION TO TAIWAN. BEIJING CONSIDERS THE SLOGAN, ORIGINATED BY DENG XIAOPING IN 1981, TO NO LONGER BE EFFECTIVE. THE NEW PROPAGANDA THEME IS "ONE CIVILIZATION," OR COMMON CHINESE CULTURAL TRADITION AND IS PART OF THE RELATIVELY SOFT PRC APPROACH IN RECENT MONTHS. THE APPROACH HAS APPARENTLY BEEN SUCCESSFUL, AS UNOFFICIAL CONTACTS HAVE INCREASED.

(6) (u) CHINA/USSR: BORDER TALKS SET
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(O) A SOVIET SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED THE THIRD ROUND OF SINO-SOVIET BORDER TALKS IS SCHEDULED FOR MOSCOW ON 20-31 OCT. SOVIET DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER ROGACHEV AND CHINESE VICE FOREIGN MINISTER TIAN ZENGPEI WILL HEAD THE DELEGATIONS. THE BORDER TALKS ARE HELD ALTERNATELY IN MOSCOW AND BEIJING. THE NEXT ROUND MAY SHOW SOME PROGRESS ON THE REMAINING DISPUTED TERRITORY, GIVEN THE RECENT WARMING TREND IN RELATIONS.

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